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In re application of

Hennie WESSELING et al.

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METHOD AND DEVICES FOR PRINTING
A FRANKING MARK ON A DOCUMENT

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 31 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-27.

[Add the following new claims:]

28. (new) A method for producing and printing a
franking mark on a document, comprising:

a) generating and storing a set of unique bit strings
in a first memory in a central office connected to a plurality of
terminals;

b) making available one or more of said unique bit
strings to one of said terminals;

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